



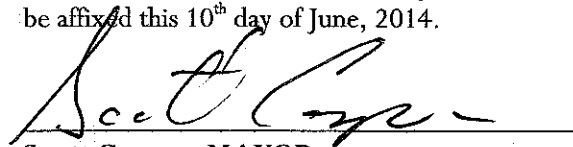
City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** The Continental Army was formed June 14, 1775 as a unified force of the colonies as they fought to win their independence from Great Britain in the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS** Following the war, the Congress of the Confederation created the United States Army June 3, 1784 to replace the disbanded Continental Army; and
- WHEREAS** The United States Army is the oldest and largest military branch and is responsible for land-based military operations; and
- WHEREAS** The Army has been crucial to nearly every military engagement in United States history; and
- WHEREAS** Its great legacy is evident in its victories, but more importantly in the freedoms it has protected and secured for us all; and
- WHEREAS** Today's Army is a highly trained, expertly skilled volunteer force of more than one million dedicated soldiers serving in the Army, National Guard and Reserve; and
- WHEREAS** The Army became part of the Killeen community in 1942 with the opening of Camp Hood, which became Fort Hood in 1950, and is now the Army's premier military installation; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen is a proud military town honored to be the Home of Fort Hood and its soldiers and families; and
- WHEREAS** Today, soldiers and civilians together celebrate the Army's 239th birthday; we celebrate the Army's history, we celebrate our soldiers, veterans and families, and we celebrate The Great Place, Fort Hood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Cosper, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen, do hereby proclaim June 14th, 2014 as:

The Army's 239th Birthday

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 10th day of June, 2014.


Scott Cosper, MAYOR